

Bluffton Police Department



NEWS RELEASE

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MAN ARRESTED IN HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT

Tonight the Bluffton Police Department served warrants on Matthew Thomas Falk for a hit and run accident that occurred at the intersection of Bluffton Parkway and Bluffton Park Crescent on September 25, 2013. On that date, officers responded to the scene of a 17 year old bicyclist who was struck by a vehicle. Mr. Falk, the driver of the vehicle, initially stopped after the collision and gave the victim his name. However, he left the scene of the accident before law enforcement or EMS arrived.

Witnesses reported that Mr. Falk was stopped at the stop sign but began to accelerate just as the bicyclist crossed the intersection. The two collided and the victim received non-life threatening injuries which were treated by EMS.

Mr. Falk could be not located at his Bluffton address after the accident and efforts have been on-going since the accident to determine his possible whereabouts. This evening investigators received information about a potential address in Jasper County for Mr. Falk. With the assistance of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office, Mr. Falk was located and placed under arrest.

He has been charged with:

Hit and Run involving personal injury (a General Sessions offense),
Driving Under Suspension, and Failure to Exercise Due Care while operating a motor vehicle
(both Municipal Court offenses).